

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Coordinators: Susan Andrews 582-4135 or Jackie Freedom 582-0105

GENERAL RULES FOR GARDENING:

1. Online entries are encouraged at www.gallatincountyfair.com. If not registered online, a completed entry form listing all exhibits with the liability waiver signed must accompany all entries. Deadline for paper entries is July 11, 2012 and deadline for online entries is July 14, 2012 at midnight. After these dates, please bring your paper entry form with you to registration.
2. **REGISTRATION: ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT BUILDING #1 ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012 BETWEEN 4:00PM and 7:30PM AND ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012 FROM 8:00AM TO 10:30AM.**
3. **All exhibits will remain on display throughout the Fair and MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM** unless other arrangements have been made.
4. An Exhibitor may make more than one entry per class or sub-class, if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type, size, or color.
5. All entries **must** have been grown by the exhibitor.
6. Each exhibit **must** be accompanied by the genus and species name; variety/cultivar name added, when known. Only properly named entries are eligible for top exhibitor awards (see #13 below).
7. Each exhibit must contain the specified amount.
8. Exhibits will be judged on uniformity, maturity, variety characteristics and freedom from disease and injury.
9. Youths may enter all Sections. They will be judged and staged separately.
10. Open judging will begin Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 1:00PM. Judges will be from The Montana Federation of Garden Clubs www.mtfgc.org and are accredited by the National Garden Clubs Inc.
11. The National Garden Club standards of scoring will be used to determine awards (Handbook for Flower Shows 2007 edition). 90+ Blue, 85+ Red, 80+ Yellow, 75+ White
12. Due care will be taken of all entries. The show committee cannot be held responsible for loss or damage.
13. Awards offered will include:
 - An **Award of Merit** for the best entry scoring 95 or above may be awarded in each of the following areas: Vegetables, Annuals, Perennials, Houseplants, and Herbs.
 - An **Award of Horticultural Excellence** may be awarded to the most outstanding exhibit receiving 95 or more points in the entire Gardening Department if all conditions are met.

DIVISION 1 - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Eligible for the "Award of Merit"

GENERAL RULES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

1. **All Root Crops:** Cut off tops having approximately 1" at top and the roots should be cut off leaving approximately 1" except beets which should be 2 inches. Wash all vegetables thoroughly but do not use a brush.
2. **Spinach and Lettuce:** Roots should be left on. Spinach and lettuce will be displayed in canning jars to prolong their display. Wash thoroughly but do not use a brush.
3. **Peas:** Leave ¼ to ½ inch stems and select uniform pods. Avoid over-mature pods.
4. **Carrots:** Select uniform length and thickness, avoid green shoulders.
5. **Chives:** Should be the entire plant with roots washed.
6. **Dry Onions:** Twist tops and remove outer layer of dirty skin; just one layer. Remove tops leaving about 1 inch and clip roots to approximately 1 inch. **DO NOT PEEL ONIONS TO MAKE THEM SHINY.**
7. **Green Onions:** Lift just prior to exhibition, avoiding damage to root node. Trim roots leaving ½ inch uniformly. Leave 6" top. Remove outer layer to get dirt off and wash. Choose plants that are well blanched and white.
8. **Tomatoes:** Leave stems on.
9. The Fair will provide paper plates for entry exhibition.

CLASS

- 1 Beets, *Beta vulgaris* – 3
- 2 Carrots, *Dacus carota sativus* – 5
- 3 Chives, *Allium schoenoprasum* – 3 plants with roots

- 4 Lettuce, *Lactuca sativa* – leaf – 1 plant with roots
- 5 Onions, green, *Allium* – 5
- 6 Onions, *Allium* – 3
- 7 Peas, *Pisum sativum* – 10
- 8 Pepper, *Capsicum annus* – 1
- 9 Radishes, *Raphanus sativus* – 5
- 10 Summer squash, *Cucurbita pepo* – 1
- 11 Spinach, *Spinacia oleracea* – 1 plant with roots
- 12 Tomatoes, *Lycopersicon*, any color – 3
- 13 Tomatoes, cherry, *Lycopersicon*, any color – 5
- 14 Any other leaf crop, include name – 1 bunch or 1 plant with roots
- 15 Any other root crop, include name – 3
- 16 Any other vegetable, include name – 1
- 17 Rhubarb, *Rheum*, 5 stalks, trim leaf 1 inch above stalk. **Pull stalks, do not cut.**
- 18 Strawberries, *Fragaria* – stem on – 5 berries
- 19 Any other fruit not listed, include name – 5 specimens

FLOWERS & PLANTS

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3. **ENTRIES MUST BE PICKED UP ON SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM** unless other arrangements have been made.
4. The show committee will water all exhibits.
5. Please enter only the specified number of stems.
6. A stem means one bloom. A spray means more than one bloom; attached foliage optional.
7. Include foliage where requested. **All foliage must be clean and attached.** No foliage should appear below the water line.
8. The exhibitor must have grown all flowers and plants.
9. **THE GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOWER CONTAINERS OR ACCESSORIES.**
10. All floral entries that are stems, stalks or sprays will be exhibited in test tubes in blocks, which will be provided by the Fair unless they are very tall, (like delphiniums) then the exhibitor should provide a clear glass container for each entry.
11. Exhibitors are encouraged to replace specimens with fresh, identical material if wilted during Fair exhibition.
12. **NO** artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
13. Living plant material may not be treated in any way.

HINTS FOR EXHIBITING CUT FLOWERS

- ✿ If plant material is to hold up through the exhibit period it must be cut no earlier than the day before it is to be exhibited. Cutting should be done late in the afternoon, since at that time there is the greatest amount of sugar in the leaves. As soon as the flowers are plunged in water they take up enough to overcome any apparent wilting. Plunging the stem in water about 110 degrees is usually best. Then set them in a cool room out of draft and let the water cool to room temperature. This enables the flowers to regain their turgidity and last longer.
- ✿ Cut stems cleanly at an angle under water with a sharp knife and place at once in deep water. Flowers should be kept in deep water eight to twelve hours or overnight. Foliage needs to be attached to the floral specimen and be appropriate to that specimen. Foliage below the water line should be removed. Grouped stems should be of like kind and similar size.

- ✿ Flowers or branches with woody stems should be crushed or pounded before being placed in deep water. Any flower with milky or colorless fluid in their stems may be seared with a flame. The stem can be placed in boiling water for several minutes. Protect the blossom end by wrapping it in tissue paper. Most important, each exhibit must contain no more or less than the number required, otherwise they will be disqualified. Count stems to be sure number is correct.

***** **OFFICIAL FAIR FLOWER** *****

The 2012 Gallatin County Fair OFFICIAL FLOWER is the Cosmos.
A special Fair ribbon will be awarded for the best specimen of this flower.

OFFICIAL FAIR FLOWER

CLASS

- 22 Cosmos, *Cosmea bipinnatus* – 3 stems

DIVISION 2 – ANNUALS

Eligible for "Award of Merit"

CLASS

- 20 Bachelor Button, *Cyanus* – 3 stems
21 Calendula, *Calendula officinalis* – 3 stems
22 Cosmos, *Cosmea bipinnatus* – 3 stems – **OFFICIAL FAIR FLOWER**
23 *Dianthus deltoides* (Pinks) – three sprays
24 Foxglove, *Digitalis* – 1 stem
25 Geranium, *Pelargonium* – 1 blossom cluster
26 Marigold, *Tagetes* – 3 stems
27 Nasturtium, *tropaeolum* – 3 stems
28 Pansies, *Viola wittrockiana* – same color – 3 blooms with no foliage
29 Pansies, *Viola wittrockiana* – different color flowers – 3 blooms with no foliage
30 Pansies, *Viola tricolor* – (Johnny Jump Ups) – 5 blooms
31 *Petunia* – single – 3 stems with foliage
32 *Petunia* – double – 3 stems with foliage
33 Poppy, *Papaver* – 3 stems
34 Poppy – California, *Eschscholzia californica* – 3 stems
35 Snapdragons, *Antirrhinum* – 3 spikes
36 Sweet Peas, *Lathyrus odoratus* – 1 color – 5 stems
37 Sweet Peas, *Lathyrus odoratus* – mixed colors – 5 stems
38 Zinnia, *Zinnia* – 3 blooms
39 Any other annual, named – 3 stems, sprays or spikes

DIVISION 3 – PERENNIALS

Eligible for "Award of Merit"

CLASS

- 40 *Allium* – 3 stems if small, 1 if large
41 *Campanula glomerata* – 3 stems
42 *Clematis* any variety – 3 blooms
43 Columbine, *Aquilegia* – 3 blossoms
44 *Coreopsis grandiflora* – 3 blooms
45 Daisy, Shasta, *Leucanthemum x superbum* – 3 stems
46 Delphinium, *Delphinium* – 1 spike
47 *Gaillardia*, Painted Daisy – 3 stems
48 Lily, Day, *Hemerocallis* – 1 stalk
49 Lily, Asiatic – *Lilium lancifolium* – 1 stalk
50 Lily, Oriental, *Lilium orientalis* – 1 stalk
51 Lupine, *Lupinus* – 1 stalk
52 Penstemon – 1 stalk
53 Rose, Hybrid Tea, *Rosa* – 1 bloom with foliage attached
54 Rose, *Rosa floribunda* – 1 spray with foliage attached
55 Rose, *Rosa grandiflora* – 1 stem with foliage attached

- 56 Rose, Climbing – 1 spray with foliage attached
- 57 Rose, Shrub – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 58 Rose, miniature – 1 stem or spray with foliage attached
- 59 Rose, full blown – 1 stem with foliage attached
- 60 *Rudbeckia* – 3 stems
- 61 Scabiosa – 3 stems
- 62 *Sedum* – 3 stems
- 63 Sweet William, *Dianthus barbatus* – 3 stems or sprays
- 64 Yarrow, *Achillea* – 3 sprays
- 65 Any other perennial, named – 3 stems or sprays if small, 1 if large

DIVISION 4 – HERBS

Eligible for "Award of Merit"

CLASS (Cut specimens – 3 stems)

- 66 Basil, *Bacilicum* – 3 stems
- 67 Bee Balm, *Monarda didyma* – 3 stems
- 68 Catnip, *Nepeta cataria* – 3 stems
- 69 Lavender, *Lavandula officinalis* – 3 stems
- 70 Lemon Balm, *Meilssa officinalis* – 3 stems
- 71 Mint, *Mentha* – 3 stems
- 72 Oregano, *Origanum* – 3 stems
- 73 Parsley, *Petroselinum crispum* – 3 stems
- 74 Sage, *Salvia officinalis* – 3 stems
- 75 Tarragon, *Artemisia dracunculus* – 3 stems
- 76 Thyme, *Thymus vulgaris* – 3 stems
- 77 Any other herb, named – 3 stems

DIVISION 5 – CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS (Houseplants)

Eligible for "Award of Merit"

RULES FOR CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

Must be insect and disease free to be accepted for display. Container must be clean and appropriate for the plant requirements (size & type). An exhibitor may make more than one entry per class if each is a different species, variety, cultivar, type or color. Plant must have been in exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months.

CLASS

- 78 Flowering Plant
- 79 Foliage Plant
- 80 Cactus or Succulent
- 81 Orchid

FLORAL DESIGN DEPARTMENT

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THE THEME FOR THE 2012 FLOWER SHOW IS ***“MONTANA TREASURES”***

DESIGN RULES

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5. The show committee will water all exhibits.
6. The exhibitor does not have to grow the plant material used in designs.
7. **THE GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FLOWER CONTAINERS OR ACCESSORIES.**
8. **NO** artificial flowers, foliage, fruit or vegetables are permitted.
9. **Fresh** plant material **may not** be treated in any way. Sometimes flowers sold commercially have been treated with dyes. They are not permitted and, if in doubt, do not use them.
10. Dried plant material **may** be treated (painted, stained, etc).
11. **Top Section Awards** may be given to an exhibit scoring 95 points or more if all conditions are met. These are for Divisions 6, 7, 8, & 9. These designs will also be judged by National Garden Club Accredited Judges (Handbook for Flower Shows 2007 edition). A Design Excellence Award to a design may be given to the most outstanding entry in the design category if all conditions have been met.
12. Noxious weeds will not be permitted in any design entry. A list of these is available from the Gallatin County Weed Control Office, 901 N. Black St, Bozeman, 582-3265.
13. All design entries must contain some plant material, fresh and/or dried, foliage, blooms, fruit, vegetables etc. as specified in the schedule.

DIVISION 6 - “BURIED TREASURE”

Eligible for the “Petite Award”

CLASS

1. **“GOLD”** – a miniature, creative design not to exceed 5 inches in any direction. Designer’s choice of fresh and/or dried plant material.
2. **“SILVER”** – a miniature design not to exceed 5 inches in any direction. Designer’s choice of fresh and/or dried plant material.
3. **“COPPER”** – a miniature design not to exceed 5 inches in any direction. Designer’s choice of fresh and/or dried plant material.

DIVISION 7 - “TOPOGRAPHICAL TREASURES”

Eligible for the Petite Award

4. **“MOUNTAINS”** – a small design, using fresh and/or dried plant material. Not to exceed 8 inches in any direction.
5. **“STREAMS”** – a small, underwater design, using fresh and/or dried plant material. Not to exceed 8 inches in any direction.
6. **“FORESTS”** – a small design, using fresh and/or dried plant material. Not to exceed 8 inches in any direction.

DIVISION 8 – “BIG SKY TREASURE”

Eligible for the “Designers’ Choice Award”

Designer has complete freedom to choose all components for these designs.

CLASS

- 7 **“CLOUDS”** – a casual functional table for one person. The exhibit must include a complete flower design that would be appropriate for a full sized table. The space allowed is 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep with unlimited height.
- 8 **“WIND”** – a creative design staged in a space 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep with unlimited height.
- 9 **“SUNRISE/SUNSET”** – a design staged in a space 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep with unlimited height.
- 10 **“UNEXPECTED TREASURE”** – a design staged in a space 30 inches wide and 30 inches deep with unlimited height.

SPECIAL FLORAL EXHIBITS DEPARTMENT

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DIVISION 9 – YOUTH EXHIBITS – “NATURAL TREASURES”

Eligible for the “Youth Award”

Youth Divisions are: 1. Beginner, preschool through age 7
2. Junior, ages 8 through 12
3. Intermediate, ages 13 through 17

CLASS

- 1 **“MOUNTAIN MEADOWS”** – A flower arrangement in a vase.
- 2 **“FLYING FLOWERS”** – a collage of a butterfly using seeds and dried plant material.
(Maybe the Montana State Butterfly, the Mourning Cloak)
- 3 **“HIDDEN TREASURES”** – a miniature garden in a teacup.